

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows. A copy of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is appended hereto.

B₁ 1. (amended) A valved connector, comprising:
a connector body having a tubular portion extending therefrom; and
a valve body including a valve element with a passage therethrough, said valve body being axially movable with respect to said connector body;
wherein said valve body is movable from a closed position in which said tubular portion of said connector body is exterior to said passage of said valve element to an open position in which said tubular portion of said connector body is applied against said valve element to at least partially open said valve element.

B₂ 13. (twice amended) A valved connector, comprising:
a connector body having a tubular portion extending proximally therefrom, and
a valve body including a valve element with a passage therethrough, said valve body being positioned at a proximal end of said connector body and axially movable with respect to said connector body;
wherein said valve body is movable from a closed position in which said tubular portion of said connector body is exterior to said passage of said valve element to an open position in which said tubular portion of said connector body extends through said passage of said valve element from a distal side to a proximal side of said valve element, wherein when said valve body is in said closed position said passage of said valve element closes to form a fluid tight seal, wherein when said valve body is in said open position said valved connector presents an open channel for introducing a secondary device inserted through said connector body, and wherein when said valve body is in said closed position with the secondary device inserted therethrough, said passage of said valve element closes to form a fluid tight seal around the secondary device.
